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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

... Georgia, Feb. 17, 1874.

... Journal:—Leaving home a few days ago for a short business trip to Savannah, I find myself, very unexpectedly in this remote section of Georgia. If I could overlook business engagements and duties to the patrons of the JOURNAL, which require my presence at home a trip to this section, at this season of the year, is anything but unpleasant.

As genial as we are accustomed to find our climate—and genial it most assuredly is—and as pleasant as the present Winter has been with us, one cannot help being surprised at the very great difference which manifests itself here in the advanced state of vegetation. The fruit trees are in bloom and the gardens look green and inviting, and in a few weeks, early vegetables will adorn the table. Some fruit, however, I hear expressed that will escape may cut off the fruit.

In following the great line of Florida travel from the North through Charleston and Savannah along the Atlantic Coast Railroad as far as Lawton, I was struck with the number of Northerners who were seeking health and relief from the rigors of a Northern Winter and Spring among the orange groves of Florida. Not only what I saw but the vast preparations being made on all hands to secure transport and entertain these visitors—the lavish display of routes and hotels; the flaming notices and placards; the parade of the attractions through glowing circulars and highly-colored photographs—all indicate that there is "money in it." These things are so patent to the South, that while it hardly escapes the attention of the Northerner, it does strike the Southerner.

Most of the visitors to Florida, with whom I traveled and talked, were attracted rather more from motives of curiosity and a desire to "see the South," than for health. None of them had ever been South before, and it was interesting to see them gathering a piece of moss at one depot, a cotton boll at another, and something else at another, anxious to carry home some memento of every locality through which they passed.

It was amused, if such a word is proper in connection with a matter so serious, at the indignation expressed by a Philadelphian, over the independence of Charleston negroes, and his lamentations over a scene witnessed in Judge Graham's Court. He deplored the deplorable condition of the "prostrate State," concluding that such scenes would produce a revolution in the North. Yet, upon examination I found the indignant gentleman a Radical. I mildly suggested that I thought it any body ought to be indignant over the condition of South Carolina it was a Philadelphia Radical, for Pennsylvania, and especially Philadelphia, was more responsible for the disgraceful scenes he had witnessed than any other portion of the North; that he had witnessed what ends the white citizens of Philadelphia had consigned their brethren of Charleston. I found some of those virtuous reformers forgot his indignation at the ballot-box. He prated about the corruptions of South Carolina politicians, forgetting that Moses was the creation of the negroes, while Hartranft is the offspring of the prejudices and votes of the whites. It was his duty as a citizen to vote for one, while the negroes manifested their unfitness for citizenship by voting for Moses. It is just such reformers as these who offered so kindly for the good of those who manifest so much interest in our future prosperity that are the worst enemies we have. The Mortons and Camerons must and acknowledge their power at the ballot-box, and confess it by votes and by their acts that they fear us and are determined to control us. We know how to meet them.

Savannah is really the prettiest and most enterprising city of the South. Under her admirable system of roads the wealth of Georgia and much of that of Alabama and Florida is poured in her enterprise and thrift. On this succeeding visit I have made since the war I have been much pleased with the improvement and general appearance of the city and the increase of the business. Savannah is destined to be a very large city at no distant day.

I had the pleasure of being a guest of Messrs. Bradley, at the Screven House, and it was a pleasure, indeed. Everything just as it ought to be—the attention one receives, the appointments of the apartments and the fare such as to attract visitors. I perceive that the table is the very best I have sat down to since the war. Visitors at the Screven are such as visitors to Florida are loth to leave, and generally remain several days to enjoy the hospitalities of this house, and to visit the attractions of Savannah. I had the pleasure of meeting with our former townsman, Mr. H. C. Houston, who is doing a large and prosperous business as Ladies' Furnishing Goods in that city. I understand he has accumulated a handsome fortune by his industry, enterprise and business tact. He is reported as doing a very large business.

From Savannah to Bainbridge, a distance of some two hundred and forty miles, the railroad passes through an unbroken forest of long leaf pine, so far as I could judge, during a ride made mostly at night. Most of these trees are virgin pines, as yet unscathed by the axe and scraper. At this point, I learned that Messrs. Fleming and Bloodworth, two North Carolinians, the latter from New Hanover, were making turpentine with success. It does seem certain that this section is destined to become famous for naval stores.

This fact already begins to impress itself upon business men. At Savannah I met our friend, Mr. C. Lucian Jones, formerly of Wilmington, who informed me that he had settled there with a view of going into the naval store business, which had increased very greatly in the last few years.—The business needs organization.—Samplers and coopers of experience are needed, and the proper distinction made between the grades. I hope Mr. Jones may be successful as we believe he will.

Between Thomasville and this place I found our old comrade-in-arms, and former Wilmingtonian, Mr. M. Lasseigne, in charge of the engine, and I had the pleasure of riding with him on his iron-horse, which he manages with the skill and care of a veteran. Nothing is more pleasant than to meet with old friends when one is far from home.

In this town I have had the pleasure of meeting with Colonel J. W. McGill, formerly of Bladen county, and the last Colonel of the 18th Regiment, a gallant soldier and a clever gentleman. He is practicing law here, where he has resided for two years, having married here. He has already made "hosts of friends" in his new home, and seems settled for life. He has kindly shown me about the town and country and introduced me to many of the leading citizens.

Bainbridge, like most of the extreme Southern and Southwestern towns settled during the last half century, is built around a square in which is situated the Court House. It is the western terminus of the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad, and the head of navigation on the Flint River, and enjoys a fine trade. Still there is not the air of prosperity about it which I would like to see. The yellow fever, following the great storm which destroyed so many cotton fields last Fall, and that again succeeded by the panic, may have temporarily thrown a cloud over the business of the place.

I am still more surprised at the apathy of the whites in political matters. With a white population approximating the blacks, and *in Georgia* too, the Radicals are allowed to carry the county by some five hundred votes. There is something wrong. Even in South Carolina and Mississippi the Radicals cannot carry counties by majorities equal to their registered majorities. If the white people here will draw their line a little more distinctly, and force the whites who pander to negro support into the ranks of their African brethren, and make them feel their degradation, my word for it, things would change. White men may be uncertain, but there is some pride of blood left in those in which all political principle is lost.

I have received courtesies from Captain B. E. Russell, the editor of the Bainbridge *Democrat*, for which I return thanks.

I am here the guest of the Sharon House, which takes its name from its urbane proprietor. It is well kept and deserves the liberal patronage which it receives. I shall not soon forget his kindness to me and mine.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 19, 1874.

MY DEAR JOURNAL:—The Legislature did, indeed, adjourn according to promise on Monday, but the fact has brought but little rest to your correspondent. Nor is that any wonder, for are not the Grangers here in full force? Verily, they are, and if the whole body is to be judged by the few whom I happen to know personally the State Grange now in session has never been surpassed, if it has been equalled in the character of its members, by any body of men, no matter whether political or religious, that ever assembled in North Carolina. Other gentlemen have made the same comment. I have never seen so large a body of men collected from all parts of the State in which I had so few acquaintances. No one seems to know many Grangers, but those that one does know are the very best of citizens. For once the real farmers of the State have come together and for one I have no doubt that their coming together will result in good. They attend strictly to business, being in session morning, noon and night. What would have become of us all if the Granges had taken possession before the Legislature left it is difficult to say. Even in their absence, and with the new additions to the Yarborough House occupied, there is no spare room.

Of course "Grange talk" is the chief topic of conversation, unless here and there one may find a friend or two discussing the prospects of the revival of the University. Governor Caldwell has made another of those petty exhibitions of petty spite and malignity that are at once exceedingly unbecoming in the officer and characteristic of the man. The new Board of Trustees courteously invited Governor Caldwell in accordance with the old law and custom, to preside over its deliberations. His reply was that the new Board had no legal existence and that he refused to take any part in its deliberations. The Board took no further notice of the Governor's letter than to proceed to appoint Governor Graham as its President. It is said that Governor Caldwell proposed that he would commission all the new Trustees if they would acknowledge their election by the Legislature to be invalid. It is but fair to say that Governor Caldwell's own party friends do not sustain him in the course he has pursued. I am informed that the Attorney-General expresses himself as very decidedly of opinion that Governor Caldwell is wrong.

It is as yet impossible to say what if any thing can be done for the University. The next meeting of the Trustees will take place on the 9th of April. Meanwhile, steps will be taken by committees appointed for the purpose, to ascertain what property the University has and what debts it owes, the condition of the buildings at Chapel Hill, &c., &c. It is sufficient to say just now that the condition of affairs does not seem hopeless, though it will be impossible to open the exercises at the Institution at the usual time next summer. There was great unanimity in opinion among the Trustees indicated in the course of conservation, in regard to the plan of reorganization. It is very generally desired that the Institution shall be reorganized upon such a basis as will render it truly a University and not merely a college.

The argument in the case of the application of the special tax bond holders, before Judge Watts, for a *mandamus* to compel the Auditor to collect the taxes will be heard to-morrow. Mr. Budd, from Philadelphia, appears for the applicant, with R. C. Badger. I presume that Hon. Revedy Johnson does not care to make an argument before "Greesy Sam," as he has not yet put in an appearance, although concerned in the case. Indeed it would be a rare sight to see Reverdy Johnson arguing a case before Judge Watts. But is Watts any worse than Bond?

I learn that the good people of Wilmington have a treat in store for them—an opportunity to gratify their intellectual tastes and do an act of charity at the same time. Everybody has heard of the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, under the charge of that good man, Mr. Mills. The institution is supported entirely by voluntary contributions of money and supplies from those benevolent people to whom appeals for the fatherless cannot be made in vain. Unfortunately for the poor orphans, the number of people to whom such appeals cannot be made in vain is quite small, and other means than such appeals have to be devised to secure such things as may be needful. Amongst the ways and means thus devised is the plan of lectures, the proceeds to be devoted to the charitable object in question. As a case in point Major John W. Moore, of Hertford county, has consented to read an eulogy upon General Robert E. Lee at various points in the State for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. It is needless to say to those who know Major Moore that he is a gentleman of mental culture and of pleasing address, and that all who can enjoy a rare intellectual effort as well as those who have no other aim than to relieve the helpless children of dear Confederates, may go with confidence to hear Major Moore.

GOING BACK ON THEM.

It would really seem that the Republican party is beginning to unload at last. They have been too greedy—have eaten too heartily of the Grant plum pudding; there was too much of a mixture, and, although they made but little difficulty in dutifully swallowing all that was handed them, yet nature has at last rebelled and the system must be relieved. The party is sick and the administration is sick and the great party organs are sick and Dr. Grant is sick and the people are sick. And no wonder that they are all sick when the nature of the villainous compounds is considered.

Just look at the bill of fare! Holden and Littlefield in North Carolina, Scott and Moses in South Carolina, Davis in Texas and Kellogg in Louisiana, to say nothing of Florida and Alabama and Mississippi and Arkansas. To carry such a load would long ago have surfeited the stomach of anything in the world, but that of the great Republican party.

But they are unloading now with a vengeance. Recently Davis has been spewed up in Texas, but Kellogg and his negroes in Louisiana and Moses and his negroes in South Carolina are not so easily gotten rid of. So far they still lie on the Radical stomach and will not up. They are the nightmare of the party; the cause of all of the horrid diseases, the dreadful visions and the prophetic warnings that haunt the couch of the administrationists. Dr. Grant has advised them to unload, and his advice is to be followed. But whether this will afford the desired relief or not is a matter of considerable doubt.

Piece by piece the Republican party is crumbling into decay, and one by one the strongest friends of the administration are dropping from the ranks. The staunchest of their adherents in the North are leaving them and even the New York *Times*, until very recently, if not now, the acknowledged organ of the President, has begun to kick against the party traces. The *Times* man is sick; he has swallowed too much of the negro and, watching the fluctuations of public opinion at the North, is even now ready to repudiate him and his works in the party. As a candid confession is good for the soul, the *Times* probably thinks that it is also good for the stomach and it has therefore betaken itself to the confessional. Hear him talk now of "Negro Rule in the South" the caption he gives to the following article:

At a moment when the sad condition of affairs in Louisiana is attracting the attention of the whole country, and when Mississippi has elected a steamboat porter to the United States Senate only because his skin is black, the proceedings of the South Carolina Legislature are more scandalous than at any time since the close of the war. No one can deny that some of the members of the colored race have displayed a rare capacity for public affairs. Yet, owing to a combination of unfortunate circumstances, the race has not distinguished itself favorably in the three States we have mentioned. With Louisiana we have recently dealt at length, and we need not now refer to it more in detail. Mississippi is not in so bad a condition, and has not been plundered to the same extent, but the recent elections prove that the State can hope for no substantial prosperity under its present control. It is, however, in South Carolina that negro domination in affairs is most pronounced, and there its evils are most apparent.

If there was any doubt of the unfitness of the present rulers of the State to hold the trust now reposed in them, they would be wholly removed by the perusal of a sketch of the proceedings of a recent session of the Legislature which we print in another column. Those who have hoped that matters were improving in South Carolina, will be sorely disappointed by this latest specimen of the temper which controls the law-making power of the State. There would be little cause to complain that the manners of the legislators are not better than in former years if their morals had improved. But this, unhappily, does not appear to be the case. The Legislature of South Carolina is apparently a gang of thieves, intent only upon plundering the people whom it is supposed to serve. Long practice has made the Legislature of the State a perfected system of brigandage. Ignorant negroes, transplanted from the cotton fields to the halls of the Capitol, where they have been drilled by unscrupulous white adventurers, have naturally made a mockery of government, and bankrupted the State. It is not surprising that such legislators, representing constituencies debased by a long period of vassalage, and other such tutelage, should have displayed an ingenuity in fraud which has no parallel in history.

It is among the least of the deplorable consequences of negro supremacy in South Carolina that the credit of the State has been utterly destroyed. The State debt has been increased over $10,000,000 [$23,000,000 instead of $10,000,000, Mr. *Times*,] since the close of the war, and nothing has been secured in public improvements for this prodigal waste of the public revenues. The bonds of the State are worthless, and matters have now become so desperate that the robbers who rule it are forced to depend for their stealings upon the pittance of taxation which can still be wrung from an impoverished people. Public morals have been so debased that any hope for purification from within the State can hardly be entertained.

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Such talk as this, coming from such a source, is decidedly refreshing. It is consoling to think that, after nearly six years of negro rule in South Carolina, the New York *Times*, the pronounced organ of the administration party in the United States has at last reached the startling conclusion that the Republican Legislature in that State "is apparently a gang of thieves, intent only upon plundering the people whom it is supposed to serve" that "long practice has made the Legislature of the State a perfected system of brigandage" and that they "have displayed an ingenuity in fraud which has no parallel in history."

It is strange that it has taken so long to demonstrate these facts to the preception of the *Times* man. He could have read the lesson just as easily four or five years ago as he has done to-day, but the truth of the matter is that he did not care to read it. So long as the people of the North could be gulled into the belief that loyal residents at the South were being murdered by the hundred weight, night and day, by the mythical Ku Klux, and so long as the vengeful negroes were allowed to swear away the liberty of peaceful citizens, just so long was it not thought necessary to speak of such little things as justice and humanity in the rebel Southern States. But the times have changed, and the curtain has risen upon another act in the drama. The cry of Ku-Klux has ceased and the thinking people of the North are beginning to find out that the devil, as they thought him, is not so black as he was painted, after all, and that the white residents of the Southern States were more sinned against than sinning. They awake now to a fearful realization of the fact that the Ku-Klux persecution was but a part of a scheme for the wholesale robbery of the Southern States and that, while the persecuted citizens of poor South Carolina were being hunted down on false charges for the purpose of exciting the sympathies of the loyal masses in the North, the State itself was being robbed of the enormous amount of TWENTY-THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

It is wise in the *Times* to trim its sails in anticipation of the approaching storm but it will be well for it to remember, at the same time, that it is one of those public organs whose teachings have led to the present deplorable condition of affairs in nearly all of the Southern States.

THE SPECIAL TAX BOND.

August Belmont & Co. caused four suits to be brought in the Superior Court of Wake county, against John Reilly, the Auditor of the State. They claimed to be the owners of certain special tax bonds issued to the Western R. R., to the W. C. & R. R. R., to the Tarboro R. R., and to the Western N. C. R. R. An action was brought on each class of bonds. The object of the actions is to obtain a mandamus compelling the collection of taxes to pay the interest on all of the bonds issued to these four Railroads, for the years 1870-71-72-73-74.

The amount of the tax they ask shall be collected is about $2 on the $100 worth of property.

The prayer in the complaints, taken together, is about as follows: That a mandamus issue commanding John Reilly, the Auditor, to cause special taxes (amounting to about $2 on the $100 of property,) imposed on all the taxable property of the State by various acts of the Legislature of 1868 for the purpose of paying the interest on these bonds, to be levied, collected and paid into the Treasury. And that said Reilly shall include said taxes in his tax schedules for the year 1874—and shall deliver copies of said tax schedules to the Sheriffs of each county in the State before the first day of March 1874.

The actions were brought before Judge Watts at Chambers—February 20th; the relief prayed for being a mandamus, Messrs. Budd, of Philadelaid and R. C. Badger appearing for Belmont; Attorney General Hargrove and Messrs. Smith & Strong for the State and Merrimon, Fuller & Ashe for a tax-payer.

The counsel for the defence moved to dismiss the actions, because, when a mandamus is asked for, to enforce a money demand, the action must be brought in term time.

After several hours argument, Judge Watts held that the actions should have been brought in term time and dismissed the proceedings. New actions will be at once commenced.

ASPHYXIA.

Death of a Citizen of St. Paul's, Robeson County, by the Inhalation of Gas.

We were deeply pained yesterday to learn of the death, by asphyxia, of Mr. A. McGeachy, a worthy citizen of St. Paul's, in Robeson county.

Mr. McGeachy arrived here on Friday morning, on the steamer from Fayetteville, his object being to attend to the sale of a raft of timber belonging to him that was on its way to this place. He put up at the Purcell House and attended to several small matters of business during the day. He retired on Friday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, to his room, No. 24, on the fourth floor of the Purcell House, and was never seen alive again.

Yesterday morning the raft of timber he had been expecting arrived here and with it Mr. McNeill, brother-in-law to the deceased. This gentleman at once went to Mr. A. G. McGirt, at the store of Messrs S. Louis & Co., and enquired for Mr. McGeachey. He was informed that he had been in the store during the preceding evening, and Mr. McGirt accompanied Mr. McNeill to the Purcell House where the clerk said that he thought Mr. McGeachy was out. Mr. McNeill was then advised to look for him around the wharves, and he at once left for that purpose. While he was gone the chamber-maid went to Mr. McGeachey's room, it then being about noon, for the purpose of putting it in order, but found that the door was locked on the inside. At the same time she became aware that there was a powerful oder of gas escaping from the room and she at once made the fact known. The door was therefore forced open and the unfortunate gentleman was discovered lying in his bed, cold in death. Drs. Walker and Wood were hastily summoned, but one glance told them that the inmate of the bed had been dead for hours. He had evidently died in great agony. The mouth was open and the tongue partly protruding, with froth on the face and the eyes not entirely closed, with the hands crossed on the stomach and one leg partially drawn up. His clothes were neatly folded on a chair, with the shoes and stockings lying beside the bed.

The theory of the escape of the gas is that he must either have blown it out at the burner or else turned it off and then turned it back again, unconsciously. There was a placard on the wall, immediately beneath the gas jet, warning the inmates to turn off the gas, and it is next to impossible that it could have escaped his eyes. The windows were closed and there was no transom above the doorway, hence the room must have soon been filled with the escaping gas. When the door was forced, at noon, the gas escaped in such quantities that those who were present were compelled to retreat from the passage for awhile, and for some minutes no one was able to enter the room.

Every possible attention was shown to the remains of the unfortunate gentleman by Col. Davis and his assistants and the friends in the city of the deceased, and the corpse was enclosed in a neat coffin and sent up yesterday on the boat to Fayetteville, from whence it will be taken to his home, at St. Paul's, for interment. Mr. McNeill accompanied the remains of his brother-in-law.

Mr. McGeachy was well known and highly esteemed in Robeson and Cumberland counties. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Ex-Sheriff McNeill, of Cumberland county, and two children to mourn the sudden calamity that has fallen upon them. He was a farmer and has also been engaged recently in getting out timber and turpentine.

Before the removal of the remains, Jesse J. Cassidey, Esq., Special Coroner, held an inquest, the verdict rendered by the jury being in accordance with the above facts.

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For the Penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriff Morris, with a guard of four men, leaves here this morning for Raleigh, in charge of the prisoners sentenced at the present term of the Superior Court to confinement in the Penitentiary. They are as follows:

F. M. Brunson, larceny, 5 years.
Charles Bannerman, larceny, 5 years.
George Hill, larceny, 10 years.
David Howard, larceny, 5 years.
Dennis Jones, larceny, 5 years.
James W. Henry, larceny, 5 years.
Amos Gregory and Mahala Gregory, manslaughter, 10 years each.

There are several well-know desperadoes in the above list and hence the necessity for a guard.

Highway Robbery.

The most daring of the many daring robberies that have disturbed our citizens of late, was enacted last night, on one of the most public streets in the city and very near the City Hall. About 11 o'clock, as Mr. J. W. Casey was proceeding along Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth, he was approached by three men, one of whom was white, while the others were colored. The white man drew a pistol and held it to his face, telling him that he would blow his brains out if he moved, while the two colored men searched his pockets. They found nothing but a plug of tobacco, which they took, and then proceeded up Chestnut street, after again threatening Mr. Casey with the pistol. The latter then hurried to the guard house and made his complaint, whereupon Capt. Brown and Sergeant Kuhl, of the night police, started out in pursuit of the rascals. Mr. Casey says that he has seen the white man before and will recognise him if he ever sees him again. Sergeant Kuhl met three men on Princess street, just previous to the assault on Mr. Casey, and he thinks that he can find the men.

Misplaced Confidence.

Mr. A. D. Wessel, proprietor of a liquor saloon on the northeast corner of Market and Second streets, was robbed, Thursday night, to the amount of one thousand dollars or more. The facts are as follows: It seems that about three weeks since, Mr. Wessell took into his employ a German by the name of Henry Burning, in whom he reposed considerable confidence. Mr. W. attended the ball of the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company on Thursday evening, and instructed the man Burning, when he closed for the night, to deposit the same time giving him the key. It seems that there was the above named amount, or, perhaps, a little more in the safe at the time, and with this and the sales of the day the man skedaddled. The proprietor has been unable, so far, to discover either the thief or the key to the safe. It is supposed that he left on the Northern bound train on Thursday night for parts unknown, but there are some who believe that he is still lurking in one of the disreputable quarters of the city. If this latter surmise be correct he cannot long escape detection.

The Florida assembly has abolished the ornamental office of Adjutant-General, and an amendment to the Constitution has been adopted prohibiting the State from loaning its credit to individuals or corporations.

RALEIGH.

THE SPECIAL TAX BONDS.

ARGUMENT BEFORE JUDGE WATTS AT CHAMBERS.

THE MANDAMUS NOT GRANTED.

[SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL.]

RALEIGH, Feb. 20, 1874.

The suit of August Belmont *et al.* vs. the Auditor of the State of North Carolina, was heard before Judge Watts, at Chambers to day, in this city. Walter J. Budd and R. C. Badger appeared for the applicant and Smith & Strong and Fuller & Ashe against.

This suit was brought by the holders of the special tax bonds, to require the Auditor of the State to provide for the collection of certain special taxes on the special tax bonds issued by the General Assembly of 1868-69 for the years of 1870, '71, '72 and '73.

Judge Watts decided that he had no right to grant a mandamus in Chambers, and could do so only at a regular term of Court.

The State Grange adjourned *sine die* to-day.

The Trustees of the University adjourned yesterday.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

TAX PAYERS' CONVENTION.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 19—Night.—The Convention to-day adopted a plan for the organization of a Bureau of Immigration, with a Commissioner in each county, also the following memorial to Congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States:

The memorial of the tax-payers and other citizens of South Carolina respectfully sheweth that upon the reconstruction of the State Government, and the admission of Senators and Representatives into the Congress of the United States, it was doubtless intended by Congress, as it was expected by them, that they would become partakers of the rights enjoyed by citizens of the United States, and other State Governments. The history of the country teaches that taxation without representation is tyranny; our revolutionary fathers had combined to resist such tyranny, and we feel assured that it was never the intention of the sons of these men to allow this very system to be fastened upon any of their fellow-citizens.

It has nevertheless come to pass that the government established in South Carolina, under the legislation of Congress has been made the instrument of effecting this monstrous oppression; that department of the State Government which exercises the taxing power is administered by those who own a mere fraction of the property of the State.

Seven years have elapsed since the reconstruction of the State government, and during that period, of the property taxed, a majority of the members of the Legislature owned no portion whatsoever, and the remaining members owned so little that their pay as members constituted their entire interest as property holders. The result is that those owning the property have no voice in the government, and those imposing the taxes no share in the burden thereof. The taxes have advanced yearly until, in many cases, they consume more than one-half of the income from the property taxed. The annual expenses of the government have advanced from $400,000 before the war up to $2,000,000 at the present time, and the following comparison of leading items of expenditure, will best exhibit the change:

	Years 1867-68	Years 1873
Salaries	$ 50,481 00	$ 220,597 20
Public Printing	15,450 00	331,945 00
Legislative Expenses	51,377 10	90,239 42
Public Asylums	25,876 00	124,475 11
Contingent Fund	1,092 50	5,000 75
Sundries	83,413 30	206,504 85
Deficiencies	1,250,568 79	1,126,679 54
Total	$1,567,664 79	$2,107,441 87

The facts exhibit the unprecedented spectacle of a State in which the Government is arrayed against the property of its citizens. It has been openly avowed by prominent members of the Legislature that the taxes should be increased to a point which will compel the sale of the great body of land and take it away from the former owners.

The fruit of this policy is shown in the fact stated by the Comptroller-General in his report that for default in the taxes for the year 1872 alone, 268,523 acres of land were forfeited to the State, and this result proves the fallacy of the belief that the policy pursued is to promote the elevation of the black people and the acquisition by them of the lands thus virtually confiscated. The reverse is the necessary result. Lands are unavailable as security, mortgages, or default of payment. It cannot sell, wages have declined, the cost of living is made greater by the addition of taxes to the prices of commodities, the poor are made poorer and rendered every day more incapable of purchasing lands and more hopeless of rising above the condition of mere laborers. It would have ameliorated the condition of your petitioners, if the effect of this policy had been to create an active demand for lands on the part of the large class of our population, but while the owners are by oppressive taxation driven to sell others, for the same reason, are disqualified from buying. The abuses in the legislative department, that have been described, are not confined to the mere raising and expenditures of revenues, but they pervade the entire conduct of that department. Schemes have been devised for issuing State bonds and for contracting other loans by which the public debt has in six years been raised from $5,000,000 to $16,000,000, and that without advancing any public works adding one dollar to the public property, or to the payment of the public debt. Large as the sum of the public debt is admitted to be, there is reason to believe that it does not reach the true amount. It is found impossible to ascertain the actual sum of the obligations that have been issued. Schemes of public plunder have been openly advanced by corrupt measures, of which one single example will suffice. Two clerks of the Legislature, in their official capacity, made contracts with themselves as private persons for the public printing. The appropriations made in one year for the work done or to be done by these two officials amounted to $475,000, exclusive of $100,000 for publishing the laws, and in the fiscal year of 1873 there was actually paid to them for printing $331,000, leaving a large sum then due to them by the State, and this, notwithstanding the avowal of the two officials themselves that the work done was worth no more than $100,000, and the testimony of others that its value was only $50,000. The stupendous fraud involved in this and similar modes of making the legitimate objects of public expenditure the medium of plundering the Treasury cannot be better illustrated than by the following facts: The total appropriations for public printing made by the Legislature of South Carolina, during a period of sixty years, from 1800 to 1859, is $271,180. During the last year the amount actually expended for public printing by the present Legislature was $331,945. That is $60,765 more than it cost the State for sixty years before the war. Committees have received large sums as compensation for reporting favorably on private bills, and strong reasons exist for believing that a large amount of State bank bills, funded by the State to discharge her liabilities, have been reissued by those entrusted by the Legislature with the duty of the cancellation. In the Judiciary Departments evils equally as grievous have been produced; under the present State Government the Judges hold their offices for short terms; their continuance in office depends upon the caprices of the legislators. The result is that the duties of their high offices are discharged under influences and responsibilities necessarily adverse to the independent and pure administration of public justice; the jurors, moreover, are selected by three officials, of whom two are the appointees of the Gov. The consequences are that the defeat of an obnoxious litigant may be made certain by these elections of a jury, or if the object be completed by these officials, the choice frequently is made simply for the small pay of men who are unable either to read or write. In either case the ends of justice are defeated. In the Executive Department all evils culminate and it is openly asserted and believed that the offices are the subject of barter and the manner in which such offices are administered proves that qualification has little influence in the appointment of matters under control of a single individual; it is difficult to prove corruption, but there is one state of facts that always should stand for proof: A large expenditure of money by an official who is without an estate, and receives a small salary, establishes beyond a doubt that the money must come from some illegal source; on this principle the two Governors elected under the present Constitution stand condemned in the public opinion. To detect and punish these crimes is impossible; the Governor controls the avenues of justice. Indeed, the entire system is one of self-sustaining and self-protecting corruption. In most of the States there might be some chance of redress through the ballot box, but here again the State government interposes insuperable barriers; the elections are conducted by persons appointed in the interest of the officials and the returns are under the absolute control of the parties in power; under such circumstances voting is a form, and elections a mockery. Suffering under such grievances, and despairing of relief from the State government, your memorialists come to your honorable bodies for redress; the government which thus oppresses us was virtually established by Congress, and while we believe they did not foresee the evils to which it has given rise, we cannot doubt that they will assist in removing them so soon as they are satisfied of their existence. All we have asserted is capable of proof, but knowing, as we do, that the evils of which we complain are certain in their existence, and more likely to increase than diminish, your memorialists most earnestly ask your aid in providing the proper redress and relief.

From the Raleigh News.

THE STATE GRANGE.

Second Day's Session—Harmonious and Interesting Proceedings—Raleigh Selected as the Place for the next Annual Meeting.

The State Grange reassembled in Tucker Hall yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and worked laboriously throughout the day, taking short recesses for dinner and supper.

The Grange sitting with closed doors, we can only give so much of the proceedings as may be of interest to the general public.

The proceedings were of a most harmonious character and many subjects were considered that are of much importance to the farming interests of the State.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the Executive Committee of the State Grange be and are hereby authorized to negotiate for the direct shipment of cotton to Europe from some point in North Carolina.

Mr. L. A. Thompson, of Minnesota, Lecturer of the National Grange, has been in attendance upon the sessions of the Grange, and a vote of thanks was yesterday tendered him for the assistance he had rendered by this attendance. In reply, Mr. Thompson paid a high tribute to North Carolina. He visited our State Fair last fall, and what he then saw of her products and her people justified him in saying that North Carolina should rank among the first States in the nation. He paid a merited compliment to the body of Grangers now in session here.

Resolutions were adopted establishing as the organ of the Order in the State the State Agricultural Journal, of this city.

Raleigh was selected as the place for the next annual meeting, to be held in February, 1875. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Raleigh Grange, to the citizens of Raleigh, the hotels, railroads, and to all others who have contributed to the comfort and convenience of the members of the State Grange at this session.

The Grange will meet again this morning at 9 o'clock, but it is understood that the business of the meeting has been completed.

CUBA.

A Serious Battle and a Spanish Victory Claimed.

HAVANA, February 17.—A heavy engagement has taken place in the Central Department, of which Havana journals give the following account:—General Bascones, with three thousand men and four pieces of artillery, attacked the main force of the insurgents near Naranjo. The latter were five thousand strong, under the Marquis of Santa Lucia, the Cuban Commander-in-Chief. The battle lasted seven hours, and resulted in a success for General Bascones. The Spaniards lost 50 killed and 180 wounded. The rebels took no prisoners. Their loss not given. The insurgents in the Central Department are setting fire to farm houses in all directions. Gen. Burriell has sailed for Spain.

It was not Senor Sola, editor of the Gorro Frijio, who was arrested for taking part in the recently attempted riot, but another person of the same name.

Mr. George A. Gustin, formerly a citizen of Augusta, and now residing in Washington city, is one of the co-inventors of a type writing machine, which, if successful, will prove one of the greatest and most useful inventions of the age. The type writer is about the size of an ordinary sewing machine, and is worked with keys similar to piano keys. It is claimed that an expert can write with it readily sixty words a minute, and that it *can* write fully 100 words a minute.

From the New York Herald.

THE RUM MOVEMENT.

THE GOOD WORK STILL PROGRESSING BRAVELY.

A Stock Company to Promote Temperanco.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17th, 1874.—A special from Springfield, Ohio, to-night, says:

"One week ago to-day the first advance was made here on the saloons, and, although none have closed as yet, the women think they see indications that a number will succumb before a like period elapses. The saloon men have met again and resolved not to sell liquor by the drink after this, but only in quantities of one pint and upward. Although a strong effort was made to take legal action to force the women to cease their visits, it was not successful, and the committees will be respectfully treated, although locked out in most cases. One man called upon the Mayor to-day to arrest the women, but when asked to file an affidavit, refused. At London, Ohio, to-day, the ladies took possession of the Tabernacle on wheels and planted it in a range of three or four saloons. The Stars and Stripes were raised over it. Three or four more tabernacles are almost ready, and will be set in front of other saloons in a few days. Another dealer quit selling to-day and gave up his license. What beer he had on hand he emptied into the street.

Forty-eight ladies were out in the procession to-day at Cambridge City, Ind. There was a great temperance ovation at Washington Court House, Ohio, this afternoon. Almost the entire population, headed by a band, met Dr. Lewis at the depot at noon and escorted him to Music Hall, where a formal reception took place. Dr. Lewis and the converted Van Pelt made speeches. At 4 P. M. a temperance meeting of 400 children was held, and all signed the pledge. At Blanchester, Ohio, where all the saloons have been closed, a regular glorification is indulged in by the temperance people once a week.

Lebanon, Ohio, has succeeded better than any of her sister towns in closing up the saloons, and it has been done altogether by law. Two saloons have been permanently closed, and the remaining one restricted to sale in compliance with the State and corporation laws. Wood was this morning arraigned in the Common Pleas Court and fined $10 and costs for keeping a house of general resort, he having plead guilty to the indictment to avoid litigation. Only one of the three drug stores has signed the pledge, the others declining.

The active band of ladies at Xenia numbers sixty-five, but they are not making much headway. They are also visiting the houses of ill-fame with bars attached.

At Oxford, Ohio, the women meet each morning in the Frst Presbyterian church, spend an hour in devotional exercises, and then form in a procession and march to the different saloons and places where liquor is sold. Two-thirds or more of the inhabitants have signed the total abstinence pledge, and all the druggists have pledged themselves to sell liquor only for medical or mechanical purposes.

ENTHUSIASM GROWING IN OHIO—ITS DEMONSTRATION AT LANCASTER AND ELSEWHERE.

LANCASTER, Feb. 17, 1874.

A grand temperance meeting was held in the Methodist church, in this city to-night. Brilliant speeches were made by a number of our most prominent citizens, and there is every probability that the women's crusade will begin here in a few days.

Logan has closed every saloon within her precincts, and at Athens the noble work goes bravely on.

There was a grand temperance jollification at Washington Court House to-day over the complete victory accomplished there. Dr. Dio Lewis and other notables addressed the assemblage and the event proved one that will long be remembered by the good citizens of Washington. Stirring news may be expected from old Lancaster soon.

THE WORK STILL PROGRESSING IN SOUTHERN OHIO—PIOUS CONVERSION OF SALOON KEEPERS.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17, 1874.

The trial of the injunction against the praying women began at Hillsboro' to-day. The day was occupied by the arguments of the counsel for the women. No result was reached.

GOOD RESOLVES OF SALOON KEEPERS.

The temperance crusade is still extending in Ohio and Indiana. The saloon keepers in Springfield held a meeting and resolved to stop selling liquor to be drank on the premises, which is contrary to law. Dio Lewis visited Washington, which was the second place in which the system was tried, and where the ladies have secured a complete victory. The day was spent in rejoicing.

PUNISHMENT OF INSULT TO THE LADIES.

At Xenia Jacob Klein, a saloon keeper, was fined to the full extent of the law for using obscene language to some of the praying ladies.

A STOCK COMPANY TO BE FORMED IN INDIANA TO PROMOTE TEMPERANCE—$25,000 CAPITAL.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Feb. 17, 1874.

A grand and enthusiastic rally to sustain the women's temperance movement in this city was held at Mozart Hall this evening. The crowd was immense, and many were turned away for want of standing room. Mr. S. B. Diffendorfer,

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AN ACT TO RAISE REVENUE.

Section 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina Conmet*, That the taxes hereinafter designated, payable in the existing national currency, shall be assessed and collected under the internal revenue regulations prescribed by

Sec. 2. On each taxable poll or male inhabitant of the ages of twenty-one and fifty, except such as are both by age and infirmity that the county commissioners may declare an exception, a tax of ——— dollars, to be levied and collected at the time of collecting the taxes, the proceeds of said tax to be devoted to the support of the public schools of the county for which it may be levied.

Sec. 3. [illegible] shall be paid by the owner of the property [illegible] the county [illegible] the county [illegible] the county

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THE OUTLAWS.

[illegible] of the Gang, Dead Steve [illegible] Gang Rumored [illegible] Whereabouts Camp [illegible] Among the Rocks [illegible] Pursuit in Earnest Expected Shooting Around the [illegible] House Steve Shot Dead [illegible] Steve's Arrest [illegible] Arrested [illegible] Jail, &c., &c.

[illegible] fire, and retired. At the time they fired he was sitting in a chair with his face towards them, and had just handed his rifle to a boy who was standing near the chair, while he played the banjo for the [illegible] around. A sudden opening of the door in front of him caused him to rise, and they fired through the [illegible] and [illegible] guns. [illegible] a negro boy who was [illegible] shot striking him on the forehead, running around his head, [illegible] skin. Nothing but his thick skull saved him. Lowery fell over his chair and died almost instantly. [illegible] spected the house [illegible] with the largest [illegible] shot, called [illegible] One shot entered [illegible] over the centre of the right [illegible] one on the [illegible] in the breast. [illegible] your fingers to bear around [illegible] and place the [illegible] with its centre over the [illegible] of the skull under the [illegible] thumb, or [illegible] and below the [illegible] last three being [illegible] others mostly all of a total [illegible] penetrating the [illegible] gun just above [illegible] heart. Either of the balls or shot in the face would have killed him, at least three in the chest must have proved fatal.

The general appearance of the body was natural, but he seemed to [illegible] considerably, probably from long and lonesome watchfulness; from his too free use of spirituous [illegible] or, if we could suppose such a thing to have had any conscience to [illegible], from the [illegible] of conscience.

He leaves a wife and five children. Two brothers of his wife, Overstreets, are now lying out in the swamps, charged with murdering [illegible] Burney Lockler, some three weeks ago. This has universally perished the [illegible] and most [illegible] of the Lowery gang, a man of [illegible] soul but one who was deeply stained, and who regarded the life of a fellow being, if [illegible] in the way of his passions, [illegible] value than that of a brute. [illegible] never [illegible] his success. It [illegible] been charged that he [illegible] brother, Hiram B. [illegible] acquainted over the [illegible] of [illegible] Mc[illegible]

McLeod, of Lumberton, on this point [illegible] Lowery [illegible] interviewed Rhodes [illegible] who said that she [illegible] Stephen did not kill [illegible] but that [illegible] husband [illegible] shot. [illegible] has been published [illegible] At three o'clock yesterday evening the body of Stephen Lowery was placed in a neat coffin and delivered [illegible] Sheriff to his friends, who placed the coffin in a wagon and drove off. There was no train of mourners following him to his last resting place. Crowds of people thronged about the Court House during the day, and the news soon spread over his body. Yet there was no lightness exhibited, but rather a feeling that stern justice had been meted out to him; that he had met a merited end.

Attempted Fratricide in Anson County.

William Crump attempted to kill his father, Woodson Crump, living in the upper part of Anson county, on Monday last. William is a robust, well-grown young man, and his father is probably 75 or 80 years old and small in stature. William is a wild and not very "bright" boy, in fact has generally been regarded as insane. When drinking he is very troublesome. His father spoke to him on the [illegible] the matter, when William drew a knife and cut two ugly gashes in his throat, and thinking he had killed him, escaped and has not since been captured. Woodson Crump's condition [illegible] as to the result. The knife is stated [illegible] to speedily cure.

The Municipality of Edenton.

[illegible] having been accepted by [illegible] of the State Legislature, [illegible] on Tuesday for [illegible] ors, with the following result:

Mayor—E. R. Liles,

Commissioners—W. L. Cox, M. [illegible] Dr. W. H. Bates,

Constable—Jo. J. Jones.

A Washington correspondent [illegible] writing to any about Postmaster [illegible] and [illegible] appointed an [illegible] Postmaster [illegible] Washington. He will [illegible] public life in very [illegible] circumstances. He has [illegible] friend of the new [illegible] interested in such, and in this [illegible]

The Illinois Legislature has passed a bill permitting a suit against a railroad to be brought in any county through which the road runs, and thereby relieving the public from the necessity imposed by the old law [illegible] to the county [illegible] offices were situated.

The Gad's Hill Robbers Their Route and Destination.

[illegible] a gentleman of Salem, Dent county, in this State, who was in this city yesterday, the following interesting particulars were learned of the movements of the Gad's Hill [illegible] immediately after the robbery.

On the first day of February five men stopped at the residence of Widow Cook on Current river, one mile above Cook's ville. They were all well mounted and led a horse without rider. Four of the men were six-footers, and [illegible] them apparently brothers, being very much alike both in form and face. The fifth man was low and heavy set. They left about four o'clock on Monday morning.

The next day eleven men rode up to Widow Cook's in pursuit of the five, but [illegible] led them from Gad's Hill, a distance of sixty miles. At Licking, about sixteen miles further west, four of the eleven gave up the pursuit and returned. When last seen the five were at Mr. Payne's, on Big Pines, in Texas, going in the direction of Hartsville, in Wright county. All along the route they are reported to have conducted themselves as gentlemen, paying for everything they got. They had a map and compass to direct their route, avoiding roads and keeping to the hills as much as possible. They were heavily armed, each having three revolvers. At Widow Cook's they recapped their arms, and in traveling went two abreast about one hundred yards apart, the old man leading the horse in the rear.—*St. Louis Republican.*

Hottentots Gathering Buchu

Helmbold's Extract Buchu become [illegible] national picture. The great consumption of Dr. Helmbold's Buchu attests the important fact that this unrivaled diuretic medicine [illegible] Dropsy, Gravel, Kidney Complaint, and all diseases of the urinary organs, either in male or female, there has never been a remedy equal to Helmbold's Buchu. Its imitators are mere trash. Helmbold's is the old reliable standard remedy.

THE DEAD OUTLAW.

[illegible] our Traveling Correspondent. Some more particulars [illegible] Lowery's death.

AN ADDRESS TO THE SOUTH

[illegible] Agricultural Fairs and Home [illegible] Friendly Aid.

The following paper has been approved by the National Grange, and recommended to be published:

The undersigned [illegible] of the Cotton States [illegible] National Grange, [illegible] Patrons [illegible] growing section [illegible] Cotton the [illegible] lowing [illegible] fever [illegible] the [illegible] depression [illegible]

During [illegible] years [illegible] have [illegible] the world [illegible] prosperity [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wilmington Journal.

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STATE NEWS.

A gentleman in Mecklenburg expects to work 40 German emigrants on this year's crop.

The store and merchandise of Mr. Joseph Roberts, near Goldsboro, were destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th inst. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. No insurance.

The Raleigh News says: Our yesterday's issue stated that the amount sued for by Col. A. W. Shaffer, in State warrants, was $24,000. The types lied; we wrote it $2,400, but the exact amount was $2,490.

The Greensboro Patriot says: We learn that the barn and several outhouses belonging to John A. Bain, in High Point, were destroyed by fire last night. Several cattle were burned in the flames. The origin of the fire is not known.

The Salem Press says: We take pleasure in announcing to the friends of the Reading Club that Seaton Gales, Esq., of Raleigh, has consented to deliver one of his popular lectures in the chapel of Salem Female Academy, on Friday evening, the 27th inst.

The Goldsboro Messenger says: It is rumored that Governor Vance was in Raleigh last week for the purpose of either leasing one of the papers in that city or to make arrangements for starting a new one. It also stated that the Charlotte Daily Observer it is to be removed to Raleigh.

The Tarboro Enquirer Southerner says: We learn, just as we were going to press, that Dr. John W. Moore, of Williamston, committed suicide on Wednesday by morphine. Though usually a temperate man it is supposed that he was suffering from a temporary aberration of mind from the use of liquor at the time the fatal deed was committed.

The New York Tribune, says: "Dr. Edward Warren, the American surgeon who recently entered the service of the Khedive of Egypt, has been made Chief Surgeon of the Staff, and has been decorated with the grade of Bey for a surgical operation, by which the life of the Minister of War was saved after it had been despaired of by all the leading doctors of Cairo."

The Fayetteville Presbyterian says: We learn that Dr. E. W. Robinson of our town, has by a successful surgical operation, removed an annoying tumor from the face of Mrs. J. G. B. Murphy, wife of Mr. David Murphy of Rockfish. The wound is healing and the probability is that no perceptible scar or mark will be left. Dr. Robinson evinced a great deal of scientific skill and judgment in the operation.

The Charlotte Observer says: We regret to learn that our distinguished statesman, Gov. Vance, is detained at Weldon by sickness. A gentleman who was present at Baltimore the night Gov. Vance lectured there, says the hall was crowded until there was barely standing room, and there were at least 500 persons at the door, unable to gain admittance; that the lecture was one of Gov. Vance's finest productions, and met with the wildest applause and laughter.

The Reidsville Record says: We never heard of a singular outrage being inflicted upon the body of a woman than that which was perpetrated about four miles north of Leaksville on the person of Miss Sallie Hall. The accident has incurred for her freedom and jealousy of other women of the neighborhood; and on the night in question two women, disguised as negroes, went to her house and forcing an entrance, beat her fearfully with rods, and then poured melted tar upon her lower limbs. Having done this, they blew down the chimney. Suspicion rests upon the injured wives of two neighboring farmers.

The Fayetteville Gazette says: The other day we saw some mammoth cabbages, round, perfect and solid, raised and sold in market by G. W. Lawson, Esq., which will compare favorably with the finest we have seen or might here from the North. Mr. Lawson, a grange, and devotes his best energies to his vocation, carrying on his stock farm with fertilizers entirely of his own make. Mr. Lawrence is also encouraging the culture of fish, growing all important interest, and goes to show soon, in successful operation, an enterprise never before attempted in this section.

The Salisbury Watchman says: It is reported here that a white lady, a Miss Lingle, was raped in the neighborhood of Organ Church, Rowan, last Friday, by some fiend yet unknown. Miss Lingle was returning from a visit to a neighbor's house when she was attacked from the roadside by a white man whom she had never before seen. The wretch seized her when a struggle ensued which lasted until the poor girl was exhausted. We hear that the girl's clothes were badly torn and herself badly bruised and choked. The country round has been searched, but the servant has not yet been apprehended.

The Durham Tobacco Plant says: Charlie Vickers, a son of Riley Vickers, who lives about half a mile from town, had the misfortune to loose one of his eyes last Sunday. He in company with several boys were out birding with bows and arrows. They had surrounded a brush-heap, in which they had found some birds, and as the birds would fly out they would shoot them. An arrow missed its mark and struck young Vickers in the eye, penetrating the ball, and in endeavoring to extricate the arrow he pulled the ball out. This is a sad misfortune and we sympathize deeply with the young man.

The Newbern Times says: At about o'clock last night the fire-alarm sounded the signal, and rushing out into the street we found a fire of increasing magnitude raging in the neighborhood of the People's Market. The fire is supposed to have originated in Perry's warehouse at the foot of the Market dock, which was entirely destroyed, together with its contents, cotton, merchandise and other articles of value, and which was soon fire from the outside, and it is thought by an incendiary. The fire next caught the adjoining building, Smedley's granary, enveloping it in smoke and flame, so that it was beyond the reach of human endeavor to save it. Next adjoining the granary was a small saloon which the firemen, by great effort, while it was yet on the point of and tore down, thereby helping to save the next building. In this position, Duncan's store, which caught on fire in several places and by the strenuous efforts of the firemen was extinguished, the advance of the fire-fiend was stayed and the flames entirely subdued.

At the foot of the warehouse wharf was lying the steamers Gary and Mackensack within a few feet of the fire and but for their timely removal out into the stream would have been placed in imminent danger. The market dock was crowded with various crafts which luckily escaped any injury from the fire. The buildings contained cotton and other combustibles tending to make the fire burn with redoubled fury, and hastening their destruction. It is estimated that about eighty bales of cotton were either damaged or destroyed, besides many other articles of value. The loss sustained was something over $11,000. We regret to learn that the editor of the Republic-Courier was seriously burned.

The Ice Crop.

There is a prospect of a short ice crop and a consequent advance in prices. Until the thaw of the past few days, there was still a fair chance of a good crop, but the prospect appears now to be somewhat slim. At any rate the quality of the ice will be badly damaged. The Courier says that an advance from 30 to 40 cents a hundred weight for the coming season is not improbable, as the three companies which mainly furnish the local trade of the city require about 200,000 tons annually, of which amount only 100,000 to 125,000 tons has yet been secured from the regular sources of supply. The Boston Ice Company uses each year about 125,000 tons, which is cut on Quannapowit Lake, Horn Pond and Fresh Pond. Week before last it had stored about 800 tons, and resumed work on the fourth. The Citizen's Ice Company housed about 30,000 tons early in the season, its business requiring an aggregate of 64,000 tons. Of this amount 30,000 tons is obtained from Leech's Pond, at North Chelmsford, and the remainder is purchased from a dealer who cuts at Wellesley. The Union Ice Company, which was organized two years ago by a number of gentlemen in the wholesale fish business, and which supplies fish dealers almost exclusively, cuts about 20,000 tons annually at Wilmington. The Jamaica Pond Ice Company, which supplies Roxbury and a portion of the Neck, uses an average of 25,000 tons, and began work on the 5th instant on ten-inch ice, storing about 5,000 tons a day. The Highland Ice Company is also actively at work, and its houses are by this time nearly filled from the same source. In Waltham the ice men are cutting twelve inches in thickness from Charles River and some of the ponds near. For the export trade Jacob Hittinger cut at Fresh Pond last year nearly 10,000 tons, which, with the exception of a small amount for the retail trade, was shipped to coastwise ports. This year the storage capacity has been increased to 150,000 tons, and cutting was begun on Monday. Addison Gage & Co. have storage capacity for 125,000 tons; at Sandy Pond, Groton, 25,000; at Spy Pond, Arlington, 60,000; and at North Beverly, for 30,000 tons taken from Wenham Lake. This firm cuts entirely for export to coastwise ports and the West Indies, and has no doubt of its ability to obtain a full stock. Their work is now in progress at all these places. The Tudor Company, which exports its entire cutting of Fresh Pond ice to East India and other foreign places, did not cut a pound until a few days ago, waiting for thicker ice, its trade demanding ice of the very best quality and of the greatest possible thickness, to insure its shipment to distant countries at a profit. Boston *Advertiser*.

Plain Talk From a Black Congressman.

Congressman R. B. Elliot, col., who is now in Columbia, made a speech in that city on Monday night, which is note-worthy as one of the signs of the times. He told his hearers that the Taxpayers' Convention was no assemblage of sore-heads, but that it was seeking to do the work which it was the duty of the Republican party to have accomplished. He rasped the State Administration without mercy for its violation of its most solemn pledges, and washed his hands of all part or parcel in its bad faith. The salvation of "The Party," he declared, depended upon its instant reform of existing abuses. A great change was taking place in the politics of the country, and it was useless for them to shut their eyes to the fact. If you go to the North, he said, and mention the name of South Carolina, you will find the estimate that they will put upon it there. To mention South Carolina is to merit the sneers of the Common wealths of the North. When corruption was spoken of in other States, it was a different thing, but when it was spoken of in South Carolina, it was laid to the blame of a negro government. It was therefore, the duty of the colored people of South Carolina to demonstrate to the world that they desired an honest government. It was time that they did something to remove this stigma. Continuing, two quote from the report in the Columbia *Union*, he said:

"If the government is to go on from bad to worse it would make the representatives ashamed to rise up and plead their cause. It was with the people to remedy this. He had told them only of what Frelinghuysen, Dawes, Sumner, Butler and others were thinking, and of what every man who had travelled outside of South Carolina must have heard, if he kept his eyes and ears open. The negroes have been in the majority and voted the element into power, and they are responsible. They have been deceived, will the people be deceived a second time? Will you permit this state of things to continue? It cannot be hidden, that there is something rotten in Denmark. There must be no promised reformation, but practical reform. If there be any one in the way of that reform he should be at once removed out of the path, and now is the time to do it. "The National Republican Party today is ready to cut aloof upon the "slightest provocation from the corruption now existing in the South, and "unless you do something, and that "speedily, they will be compelled to "cut off the rotten branches." He had warned them of this more than a year ago; this was no new thing. One thing he knew, that instead of being better it appears to be growing worse. The Taxpayers' Convention is no sore-head movement. The people have a right to petition under the constitution, and when it came, it would come from his constituents, whether they voted for him or not, and he was bound to have it properly referred. That petition will be considered, and do not allow yourselves to be misled about it. The only way you can prove that you sympathize with an honest administration of affairs is for you to give notice to those who have mal-administered affairs to quit, for you to bring forward a new set of men. It is your duty to vindicate yourselves, and prove to the world that you are in sympathy with all those who want an honest government. He had no cause here to announce, or champion the cause of any particular set. But it was his duty to point attention to errors that have nearly resulted in the bankruptcy of the State. It was time that the hands that had caused these errors were stayed. With the finances thriving and the agricultural interest increased, it would be alike felt by the rich and the poor. If the wealthy man suffers, the laborer suffers tenfold; if his taxes bring burdens, he makes them up from the laborers."

Mr. Elliot closed his remarkable harangue by telling the men of his race how earnest was the public opinion of the country and how unanimous was the newspaper press in condemnation of the corruption that reigns in South Carolina.—Charleston *News & Courier*.

Life insurance, which is now almost as a test of civilization, is heavier in this country than in any other. The life insurance of the people of the world is said to amount in the aggregate to $5,273,000,000, and is divided among the civilized nations of the globe in the following proportions: The United States, $2,750,000,000; England, $1,636,475,000,000; Germany, $270,000,000; France, $194,000,000; Austria, $65,000,000; the rest of the world, $187,000,000. The estimate shows that the life insurance of the United States is larger than all the other countries of the globe, which in the aggregate amounts to $2,523,000,000, which is $227,625,000 less than the amount accredited to the United States.

ON THE BRINK.

A TEMPERANCE SKETCH.

BY ALEXANDER CROSS, JR.

I have known Arthur Gravely well and intimately. A part of his story came to my knowledge through my own observation, and a part he told to me himself.

Arthur came of an old, well-defined and respectable stock, with just enough of aristocratic pride inherited from his progenitors to give him refinement and self-reliance. At an early age he was left an orphan, and received most of his education under the care of an uncle. When he was one and twenty he was admitted to the employ of a banker named Vanderlain, and very soon took a position of trust and responsibility in the house. A year later he took for his wife Fanny Sommerton, one of the fairest and sweetest of earthly treasures. He had loved her long and truly, and her love in return had been single and devoted. Thus was life opening for Arthur Gravely with bright and happy promise. He had friends whichever way he turned; his business prospects were of the very best; and his home was an earthly paradise.

One enemy, and one enemy alone, at this time stood in Arthur's path. His wife did not see it then. She loved him so fondly and so trustingly that she could not see a fault.

A few of Arthur's friends feared danger, and one of them more bold than the rest, spoke to him warningly, but kindly; but he turned away from the warning with a sneer of derision.

The months and the years went on—from twenty-two to twenty-eight.

Six years of married life—six years of blessing so far as the outer things of life can give blessing. In the bank Arthur had assumed a place very near the head, and his salary was munificent.

From early youth Arthur Gravely had found the wine cup among the symbols of life's social phase. He had kept wine in his own house; he had used it upon his sideboard and upon his table; and he had partaken freely abroad. In the earlier years it was wine, and only wine of the best and the purest. Later, stronger liquors were required to keep up the tone. At the age of eight and twenty, there had come an undue flush upon Arthur's cheek, and there were blotches in the eye which ought not to have been there. He now took brandy before breakfast, and through the day he was forced to supply fuel to feed a fire which else might have consumed all bodily comfort. As yet he had never been hopelessly intoxicated. He was confident in his own strength.

Alas! for the man thus failing! He knows not that his powers of understanding are dying out as the body fades and perishes.

At length, Mr. Vanderlain called Arthur into his private closet, and told him he was going to suspend business.

"I have money enough," said Mr. Vanderlain," and I know that my close application to business is wearing upon me. I am growing years, and need rest. I think of going to Europe."

"And of closing up your business?"

"Yes."

"But sir, there is no need of that.—If you will trust your bank under the guidance of some capable and responsible agent, with your name at its head, it might go prosperously on, and you could go away upon your trip at will.

A cloud came upon the banker's face, and he shook his head.

"It is too late," he said. "At some time I may tell you more.

Shortly after this, in process of closing his business, Mr. Vanderlain sent Arthur to a distant city to make some important settlements. Arrived at his destination, the young man called upon the correspondents of the bank, and having made preliminary arrangements, he found himself with a few days upon his hands which he might enjoy.—On the very evening of his arrival he had fallen in with John Hatton and William Roberts, two friends and classmates of earlier years. He was startled when he saw them. They were evidently going down hill—were drinking to excess. He spent a first and a second night in their company. On this second night, for the first time in his life, Arthur Gravely drank to a state of helpless stupefaction. He awoke the next day feeling sad and humiliated. When he met his companions in a private parlor connected with their sleeping apartments, he found them with a bowl of hot brandy between them. A spirit of true friendliness came upon him when he saw the marks of the destroyer so deeply fixed upon the companions of his boyhood.

"Boys," said he, "this won't do. You are going down."

They regarded him curiously and asked what he meant.

He told them what he meant. They were in a dangerous way.

"You forget, old boy," said Hatton, "that you are in the same boat. It we took passage before you, it is no less sure that our route is now the same. Don't preach, Arthur. Try a bit of hot brandy."

There are moments in a lifetime—great crisis—when the events of the past flash before the mind as upon a magic mirror—when a man in a brief instant, recalls every salient point of his earthly career. Such a moment was the present to Arthur Gravely.

"Let it alone," he said solemnly. "I tell you Jack, and you Will, that you are going down. You can't last much longer at this rate."

"Well," retorted Roberts, with an attempt to laugh, "it appears to me that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Had you better try to let it alone yourself?"

"If I will try it, will you try it?" he asked.

"Will you try it?" demanded Hatton.

"I will if you will join me."

"Done!"

And they did it. They joined hands, and promised one another that they would be true and steadfast.

A new surprise was in store for Arthur Gravely. He found upon cutting off his spirituous liquors that his body weakened and that his hands shook as though with palsy. He applied to a physician for help. Fortunately he applied to a man of sense and understanding.

"Can you give me something to steady my nerves and restore my appetite?" Arthur asked, after having frankly stated his case.

"This shows you, my dear sir," said the physician, "into what a dangerous state you had fallen. I can give you something to steady your nerves, but it would not help you in the end. If you will be brave and true you will come out all right in a very few days."

Arthur said he should not go back. He wanted no stimulant—no more of that.

The trial was a severe one, and it may have been a blessed thing for Arthur Gravely that it was so. He felt more heroism in the conquest, and he also saw more clearly how deeply the evil habit had become fixed upon him. On the morning of the fourth day of his trial he awoke with an appetite for food, and was able to eat a hearty breakfast. He was a new man from this time forth. The physician had given him a certain hygenic direction which he followed implicitly and thus he held fast upon his health as it came back to him.

And on this fourth day Arthur saw Hatton and Roberts. They had kept the faith, and had been unexpectedly prosperous. An excellent opening in business had been presented and accepted.

On the fifth day the business which had brought Gravely from home was concluded, and set out on his return. And the last struggle had passed. His nerves had become steady; his appetite had started up as if by magic. his cheek had grown hot, and the white of his eye was growing clear and pearly again.

He reached his own city in the morning, and went first to the bank and gave an account of his business. Mr. Vanderlain had glanced quickly at Gravely's face when he first entered, and a wonderous change came upon the banker's manner as the business proceeded. Soon the two made the business in hand as confidential as his mood.

Arthur did not see his home until time for dinner; but he had sent a boy from the bank with word that he could be there.

"Fanny?"

"Darling! O, I'm so glad to see you back."

Something made the wife even happier than she had thought as she rested within her husband's embrace; but in the sudden joy she could not see it—she could only feel a great warmth, like the glow of heaven, as Arthur's kiss came, sweet and pure, to her lips.

As they entered the dining-room Arthur saw the decanter of wine near his plate.

"Take it away, Fanny," he said, smiling.

"If you want it hereafter as a medicine, keep it. For myself I shall not want it."

"Not want it?—Arthur?"

"I have done with it forever!"

He spoke solemnly, with a manliness that was strong and reliant.

And the wife saw whence had come the great warmth to her heart—saw it in the pure cheek, and in the clear eye, as she had caught it in the sweet breath.

"Arthur—my husband," she whispered, as though hardly daring to trust her own senses, "is it true? Do you mean—forever?"

"While I live, darling, God giving me strength and reason."

Fanny was upon the opposite side of the table. She tried to speak but her voice failed her. She turned white—then she pressed her hands for an instant upon her heart—and then, as the crimson flood once more bounded on its course, she covered her face, and sank down weeping like a child.

Arthur was by her side in a moment.

"Fanny!—My wife—what is it?"

She looked up and caught his startled gaze through her tears. With a quick movement she threw her arms around his neck and pillowed her head upon his bosom.

"Oh, Arthur! bless you! bless! I could die for joy if I did not feel that I could find more happiness in living now for you.

Here was a new revelation. Arthur Gravely now learned how his sweet wife had suffered without daring to complain how the worm had gnawed at her heart—saw it all the more clearly because he saw in this present time her surpassing joy and ecstacy.

Not many words were spoken. This was not the time for such a heart-moving theme—and as they eat the meal Arthur told of his trip to the distant city.

After dinner Arthur went out to carry a budget to a neighbor, and when left alone, Fanny sat down and cried again for joy. And so Mr. Vanderlain found her. He had stopped in passing to do an errand.

"Mrs. Gravely! What has happened? What is wrong?"

"Wrong!" she repeated, looking up, "O, sir, it is for joy I am crying.

And then she told him the source of new happiness that had opened to her.

Mr. Vanderlain listened, and after a deal of thought he slowly said, with his hand upon Fanny's fair head:

"Dear child, you may rejoice with out fear. If Arthur has pledged his honor to this new life, he sure he will keep the troth."

Next of the afternoon Arthur met at the bank, and as he sat at the table in the private office waiting for the banker, a feeling of sickness and regret came upon him. It would be hard to leave the old place, and it might be a long, long time before he could find another so pleasant.

It was toward evening when Mr. Vanderlain came in, looking flushed and self-satisfied.

"I have kept you waiting, Arthur, but I have been busy. I have made a most important change in my programme."

"Ah! And you are not going away?"

"Yes I shall go to Europe, but I shall not give up my banking business. I have found a new man—one safe, reliable and competent—who, I think, will take my business while I am absent."

"Mr. Vanderlain," cried the young man frankly, "I am glad of this, for I know I shall be able to persuade you to let me keep my place in your employ."

The banker shook his head.

Arthur trembled, and started to speak.

"Tut, tut—not your pressent place, Arthur. Know that *you* are the new man. If you will take charge of my business, I shall not let it go from me; and I shall leave it in your hands, knowing that both it and you will prosper. What say you?"

"Mr. Vanderlain!"

"Ah! my boy, I have seen your wife. I found her crying for joy. And when she told me whence her joy came, I knew there was joy for me also. To the *new man* I give my entire confidence, and in *his* hands I fear not to trust my name and honor."

It was Arthur Gravely's turn now to weep; and he could no more help it than he could have helped the great flood of peace and blessedness that flowed in upon his heart.

"My dear boy," said the banker, afterwards, "I did not speak to you in the other times as, perhaps, I ought. I knew how you treated others who did speak, and I forbore. I had intended to speak, however, before I went away, and, if possible, to get you a good place. But it is all done now. God bless and keep you."

And now, looking back, Arthur Gravely sees how near upon the fearful brink he stood. From his position of wealth, honor and love, he can see the dark pit from which he escaped, and he sees hundreds upon hundreds sinking into it yearly. He helps the falling ones when he can, and finds unfailing satisfaction in the work.—*New York Ledger*.

Mr. Bancroft is at work on the tenth volume of his "History of the United States," which will be glad news for those who began the perusal of that interesting serial forty years ago.

From all parts of the country we learn of the prevalence of frauds by parties entrusted with public funds. In Iowa, twenty-four county treasurers are announced as defaulters; the frauds and embezzlements of internal revenue officers are published almost daily. Even church officers seem to catch the epidemic, as we learn that the sexton of a church in Troy, N. Y., is in jail on the charge of embezzling $2,300 belonging to the society.

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I am now prepared to offer planters Seed, for which I claim the following points:

1st. Having been obtained originally from pure Simpson Seed, by careful selection and cultivation they have certainly not degenerated.

2d. The Seed I plant but this variety and none other, and SHE MY OWN COTTON, and in every way preserve unmixed the purity of the seed.

3d. I shall sell no seed except select seed of the first product of selected seed.

4th. The seed offered for sale will make one-fourth more than mixed seed, and one-half more than the common Cotton, ALL THINGS EQUAL.

The above seed can be bought for CASH ONLY at the following rates: Ten bushels or over, $4.50 per bushel; under ten bushels, $5. They will be sacked and marked as directed, and Bills of Lading taken and sent to purchaser. They may be ordered directly from myself or from Agents—Messrs. Edwards & Hall, Wilmington and Tar Landing, Onslow county, N. C., or Messrs. Faison & Hicks, at Faison's Depot, Duplin county, N. C.

EDWARD W. FONVIELLE, Jacksonville, Onslow county, N. C.

From many testimonials favorable to my Seed, I add the following, by gentlemen well known as planters of intelligence and character, equal to any in North Carolina:

"We certify that we are generally acquainted with the most prolific and best cotton planted in our section of the State, and we unhesitatingly say that the SIMPSON COTTON SEED, raised and sold to us last Spring by Col. E. W. Fonvielle, is the best and most prolific cotton we have ever planted or ever saw grow."

A G MOSLEY,	Faison's Depot,	Duplin Co.	L W HARDY,	Richland,	Onslow County
W M FAISON,	"	"	FRANK A HODSON	"	"
W M HURST,	"	"	A J MURRILL,	Jacksonville,	"
MATHEW MOORE,	Warsaw,	"	SOLN GORNTO,	Wolf Pit,	"
D J MIDDLETON,	"	"	W H HURST,	"	"
W S LOFTIN,	"	"	A J HUSSEY, Jr.,	"	"

FAISON, N. C., November 8th, 1873.

COL. FONVIELLE—Dear